



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-021

EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR FORESTRY DIVISION OF THE ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, wild land fires are of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and are likely to require state resources; and

WHEREAS, conditions for wild land fires are dangerous and are expected to increase and there is a need to prepare to respond efficiently; and

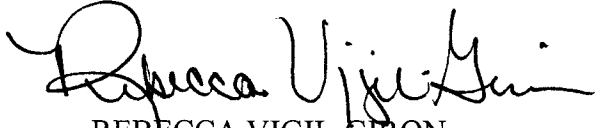
WHEREAS, the Forestry Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department is responsible for prevention and suppression of wild land fires on all non-federal and non-municipal lands in the state, as authorized under the Forest Conservation Act, NMSA 1978 Section 68-2-1 to 68-2-25; and

WHEREAS, emergency funds shall be expended by the Forestry Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department for the purposes of responding to wild land fires and in order to ensure that preparation will be adequate to deal with such disasters.

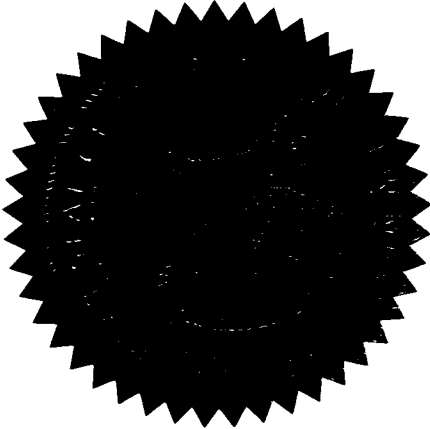
NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico hereby declare that an emergency situation exists, and accordingly, authorize the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to NMSA 1987 Section 6-7-2, et. seq., to provide emergency financial resources in the amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:



REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 13 th DAY OF JUNE, 2003

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR